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LT. GEN. CHANDRA SHEKHAR COMMITTEE REPORT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government`s efforts to `establish a self-reliant defence industrial base` through large scale privatisation has run into trouble as reported in the `Statesman` dated March 24, 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have since examined the recommendations of the Lt. Gen. Chandra Shekhar Committee on strengthening defence industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The recommendations deal with long-term partnership between defence and industry and touch upon possible strategies to foster such a relationship; expectations of industry regarding long-term futuristic requirements of Services; streamlining of procedures for tendering, inspections and certification; commercial clauses and incentives to industry especially those which will foster investments; involvement in R&D and reviews of the Industrial Policy.Many of the recommendations find commonality with those of other Task Forces which have already been accepted. In order to give a practical shape to the implementation and operationalisation of the recommendations, two Core Groups have been set up in CII to prepare an Action Plan in two selected areas, viz.:

(i) Information Technology and communication, and

(ii) Components and materials.